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SUBJ: RECONCILIATION EFFORTS WITHIN UNITED FRONT CONTINUE

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1. CONTINUED DELAY IN RESOLUTION OF CONFLICT BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE'S SRI LANKA FREEDOM PARTY (SLFP) AND ITS COALITION PARTNER, TROTSKYIST LANKA SAMA SAMAJA PARTY (LSSP), HAS ALLOWED RECONCILIATION EFFORTS TO GAIN MOMENTUM CULMINATING AUG 27 IN UNITED FRONT COALITION MEETING. PEACE-MAKERS IN UF ARE LED BY PIETER KEUNEMAN, HOUSING MINISTER AND LEADER OF THIRD MEMBER OF COALITION, COMMUNIST PARTY/MOSCOW WING (CP/M) AND TWO LEFTIST SLFP MINISTERS WHO RETURNED FROM USSR ON AUG 25, T.B. ILANGARATNE, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AND INTERNAL TRADE, AND T.B. SUBASINGHE, MINISTER OF INDUSTRIES AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS.

2. MEETING WAS FIRST FACE-TO-FACE NEGOTIATION AMONG DISPUTANTS SINCE CRISIS AROSE TWO WEEKS AGO AFTER PUBLIC REMARKS BY LSSP LEADER N.M. PERERA WHICH
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PM CONSIDERED OFFENSIVE. PRO-SLFP PRESS REPORTED

RESULT OF MEETING TO BE STALEMATE. PRESS REPORTS
INDICATE THAT MAJOR STUMBLING BLOCK
TO AGREEMENT IS FINANCE MINISTRY PORTFOLIO, NOW HELD
BY PERERA, WHICH PM IS ADAMANT THAT SLFP SHOULD
CONTROL.

3. IN RECENT DAYS, PARTISAN PRESS OF BOTH LSSP AND
CP/M HAS BLAMED COALITION CRISIS ON IMPERIALIST
FORCES AND
SPECIFICALLY ON CIA. ARTICLES
AND EDITORIALS LINK LOCAL SITUATION TO RECENT
CHANGES IN INDIA AND BANGLADESH AND ATTRIBUTE THEM
ALL TO INCREASING CIA ACTIVITY IN SOUTH ASIA,
FOLLOWING US DEFEAT IN INDOCHINA. IT IS DOUBTFUL
THIS FAR-FETCHED CHARGE HAS ADDED TO CREDIBILITY OF

LOCAL LEFTISTS IN GENERAL.
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